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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment A responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including April 4, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows.

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